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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-19 were pending in the Application. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 13 and 17-18 without prejudice or disclaimer to correct minor informalities. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-19 will remain pending in the application.

2. Claim Objections

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 13 and 17-18 for informalities. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 13 and 17-18 for merely cosmetic reasons to correct informalities.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the claims and submit that the invention as presently claimed in claims 1-19 is patentable and in condition for allowance.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 1-19 over the prior art of record in section 2 of the Office Action.

4. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

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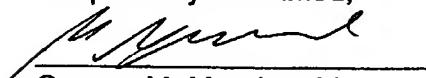
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5. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Amendment other than that associated with the enclosed petition for extension of time to respond. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-628.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-628.

Respectfully submitted,



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